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Mr. Frank C. Conahan, Director
National Security and
International Affairs Division
United States General Accounting Office
Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mr. Conahan:

I have your letter of 6 April 1984 forwarding ten copies of the General Accounting Office (GAO) draft report entitled, U.S. Military Activities in Central America. As discussed with Mr. Bennett of your office, the Agency limits its comments on your report to page 42, paragraph 3, in which you note that the Central Intelligence Agency declined to respond to the GAO questions because we provide information on this subject to the Congressional Oversight Committees directly. Your statement in the report is correct and complete, and is unclassified. I can also inform you that we have been in direct contact with Congressman Alexander on this subject.

Thank you for providing the report for our review.

Sincerely,

/s/ Clair E. George

Clair E. George
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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The Honorable William J. Casey
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Director, External Affairs

Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed are 10 copies of our draft report, U.S. Military Activities in Central America (GAO assignment code 463714) for your review and comments.

It is requested that your comments be provided within 30 days of the date of this letter. 31 U.S.C. 718(b) limits the period of time for comment on this report to 30 days from the date of this letter unless the Comptroller General grants an extension after the head of the agency shows (1) that a longer period is necessary and (2) that an extension is likely to result in improvement in the accuracy of the report. Please contact Stewart L. Tomlinson on 695-1713 if the 30-day deadline cannot be met.

We call your attention to the notice stamped on the cover of the draft report regarding limitations on the use of the draft report and the need for safeguards to prevent its premature or unauthorized use.

We have requested the Department of Defense to provide a security classification review.

Copies of this draft are being sent to the Secretaries of Defense and State and the Administrator, Agency for International Development.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Conahan

Frank C. Conahan
Director

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